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SUBJECT: CSCE: FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES
AND FOUR-POWER RIGHTS

REF: A) BONN 11807 (NOTAL); B) STATE 163110 (NOTAL)

1. IN SEPARATE BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH UK, FRENCH AND
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FRG FONOFF REPS AUGUST 20 AND 21, EMBOFF PRESENTED

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DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION AND ON SCENARIO FOR USE OF DISCLAIMER TO PROTECT FOUR-POWER RIGHTS FOR GERMANY AND BERLIN.

2. ALL THREE REPS UNDERTOOK TO STUDY US PROPOSALS ON A PRIORITY BASIS AND ALSO TO SEEK VIEWS FROM THEIR AUTHORITIES. FRG REP (BLECH) SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW NO PROBLEM WITH SCENARIO FOR DISCLAIMER'S USE OR WITH CONTENT OF PROPOSED DISCLAIMER. THE THREE REPS SAID THEY WOULD TRY TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMAL COMMENTS FOR BONN GROUP MEETING LATER THIS WEEK.

3. IN INTEREST OF MOVING THINGS ALONG IN NATO, USNATO MAY WISH TO GO AHEAD AND PRESENT THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THE FRENCH DRAFT (PARAS 4 AND 5 OF STATE 163110). IN PRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THE FRENCH DRAFT, WE RECOMMEND USNATO AVOID STRESSING THE MATTER OF THE GERMANYS' LIMITED SOVEREIGNTY. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH INVOLVES DEEP-SEATED FRG SENSITIVITIES. WE WOULD BE INCLINED MORE TO PUT THE EMPHASIS ON THE POSSIBLE DANGER TO ALLIED AS WELL AS FRG INTERESTS IN BERLIN RESULTING FROM ANY LOOSELY-WORDED DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES.

4. EMBASSY WOULD PREFER THAT USNATO AVOID THE DIS-CLAIMER ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM (PARA 6 OF STATE 163110) UNTIL THIS MATTER IS RESOLVED IN THE BONN GROUP. PER-HAPS USNATO COULD ALLUDE TO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER COMMENTS ON FRENCH DRAFT COMING FROM US SIDE IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE.
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